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Senate No. SB0973 By Holcomb

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50 relative to driver license learners' permits.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-311, is amended by deleting the current section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Anyone who is fifteen (15) years and six (6) months of age or older, may, after successfully passing the standard written test and visual examination for applicants of a state automobile drivers license, obtain a learner's permit and be permitted to operate an automobile whenever such person is accompanied by a parent, stepparent, guardian or certified driving instructor who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age, is licensed to operate an automobile in Tennessee, and will be solely responsible for the actions of the minor while driving. The parent, stepparent, guardian or certified driving instructor of such a minor shall be fully responsible and liable for any property damage and personal injury which are the result of the actions of such minor while operating an automobile. Furthermore, if a minor receives a traffic citation or contributes to the fault of an accident,

the minor shall drive under the learner's permit for an additional six (6) months after the date of the citation or accident.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-312(a), is amended by adding the following language as an appropriately numbered new subsection:

() Before the application of any person under eighteen (18) years of age for a driver license may be approved, such person must have driven under a learner's permit as described in Section 55-50-311 for at least one (1) month.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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